

HOUSE RESOLUTION 351

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A RESOLUTION urging the Governor to consider planning and construction of a new Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Bradley County, with such consideration including recognition of a \$3,000,000 anonymous gift, available Federal funding, and Bradley County's intent to donate land for such purpose.

WHEREAS, created by the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, the Tennessee State Veterans' Homes Board is a body dedicated to the planning, implementation, and directing of the Tennessee State Veterans' Homes; and

WHEREAS, there are currently three Tennessee State Veterans' Homes in operation throughout the State, one each in Rutherford County, Gibson County, and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide adequate care for Tennessee's veterans, the governing bodies of Bradley County and the City of Cleveland are fully supportive of the construction of a fourth Tennessee State Veterans' Home within the confines of Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Veterans' Home Board's most recent five-year plan includes the construction by fiscal year 2010-2011 of a 120-bed facility in Bradley County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to facilitate the construction of a Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Bradley County, county officials are committed to the donation of public land to serve as the building site and have secured a commitment for a sizeable donation from the private sector; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this State do everything in its power to provide for the care and concerns of its veterans, each of whom has given of himself or herself in protection of the freedoms of these United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby urge the Governor to consider planning and construction of a new Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Bradley County. Such consideration should include recognition of a \$3,000,000 anonymous gift, available Federal funding, and Bradley County's intent to donate land to the state for such purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee.